

Capitol Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2007

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Hoover State Office Building – A-Level (Conf. Room 7)

This special meeting of the Capitol Planning Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Brice Oakley, Chair	Molly Clause	Representative Ralph Watts
Catherine Brown, Vice-Chair	Scott Brown	Representative Mark Davitt
Paul Carlson, Secretary	Carl Voss	Senator Matt McCoy
	Elizabeth Isaacson	

Members Absent

Senator James Seymour
Senator Matt McCoy

Dept. of Administrative Services (DAS) Staff Present

Mollie Anderson, Director—DAS
Dean Ibsen—DAS, General Services Enterprise, Vertical Infrastructure Program
Nancy Williams—DAS, General Services Enterprise
Laura Riordan—DAS
Tera Granger—DAS
Patricia Lantz—DAS

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting

Matt Carlile—Brian Clark & Associates
Linda Claussen—Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT)
M. J. Dolan—Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT)
Anna Hyatt-Crozier—House Democratic Staff
Theresa Kehoe—Senate Democrats
Richard Lee—WHO Radio
Donald L. Seymour—Durrant Architects
Marcia Tannian—Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal
Scott Weiser—Iowa Motor Truck Association (IMTA)
Sharon Worthington—Dept. of Education, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Jerry Addy, Workers' Monument Committee
David Johnston, HSEMD
Joan Conrad, IUB
James Ellwanger, Shattering Silence Sculpture
Cyndi Pederson, Cultural Affairs

Summary of Proceedings

Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions

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Meeting Overview and Approval of Agenda – Action Item

The agenda was approved as presented.

Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Building

An overview on discussions between the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) and the Iowa Motor Truck Association (IMTA) was provided by Director Anderson.

Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Presentation

MOTION: Elizabeth Isaacson made the motion to approve the design concept for the exterior of the building and materials as proposed for the IACCT Office Building. Scott Brown seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. Motion carried.

Capitol Complex Monuments

Worker's Monument Update

MOTION - Molly Clause moved to approve the project as presented. Cathy Brown seconded the motion.

Amendment - Paul Carlson made a motion for an Amendment to reduce the size of all contributor text – the label to be the same size as the contributor name itself.

Amendment – Cathy Brown made the amendment that the top three contributors be combined under premier contributor so that we have one title rather than three. That separates them from sponsors and foundation and other categories. All the labels would be 5/8” and the names 3/8”. Amendment on size only – all members voted aye except Carl Voss who voted No. Motion carried.

MOTION – Carl Voss moved to defer until January, 2008 so the Commission can look at other options besides bronze plaques on the back of the benches. Motion died for lack of a second.

Amendment – Chairman Oakley moved to amend what is currently listed as donor contributors as a category (those who contributed under \$1000). Mr. Voss seconded the motion.

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Roll call vote on Donor Contributors (those contributing less than \$1,000), not to have a plaque. Motion Carried (5 to 2 in favor).

MOTION – Carl Voss moved to recognize the Committee Members elsewhere (on the building, in the building, just not as a plaque on the monument) – to eliminate Committee Members from the monument. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Motion failed (2 to 5 against).

MOTION – Scott Brown moved that we now have a separate plaque for each of the three contributors instead of having them all on one plaque. Brice Oakley seconded the motion.

MOTION – Scott Brown made a motion that if we decide to go forward with plaques on the back, we now have space to recognize each level of contributor on separate plaques and that we should do so. If we later decide that we want to put the dollar amounts as well, I am okay with that, but that is not part of the motion. Chairman Oakley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote. Motion failed.

Amendment – Carl Voss made a motion to amend the motion changing this so they are not on the back of benches, they are at some other location. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on Amendment. Motion failed (1 to 6 against)

Voting on the original motion as amended – (move approval as presented with the following amendments: the titles would be a 5/8” and the actual names would be 3/8” and the donor contributor box would be eliminated for \$1,000 or less.

Amendment – Chairman Oakley moved to list contributor by dollar ranges. Scott Brown seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on amendment. Amendment failed (1 to 6 against).

Roll call vote on the final motion with amendments. Motion carried (6 to 1 in favor).

Shattering Silence Monument

Property Exchange Options/Update on Acquisition

Eco-Box Self-Guided Audio Tour System Presentation

Bicycle Policy

Other Business

Soldier’s and Sailor’s Monument

Possible Dog Park

Office Building Updates

Agenda items for the next meeting were reviewed.

Comments from Legislators, Commission Members, Public

None.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:15 p.m.

Minutes of Proceedings

Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brice Oakley at 9:00 a.m., followed by roll call by Nancy Williams and introductions.

Meeting Overview and Approval of Agenda – Action Item

Chairman Oakley asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Building

An overview on discussions between the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) and the Iowa Motor Truck Association (IMTA) was provided by Director Anderson. Director Anderson advised most of the issues had been resolved.

Chairman Oakley advised the Commission members the Action Item is to listen to a presentation with regard to the design concepts, having already done the site plan approval previously, and going through materials and based upon the presentation by IACCT.

Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Presentation

Don Seymour with Durrant went through the most current version of the “Iowa Association of Community College Trustees New Office Building” document (copy attached to minutes). Exterior elements of the building and how the interior plan was changed since the modification of the footprint from the previous floor plan were also discussed.

Mr. Seymour advised the plan has been to P & Z and that Durrant has received approval on the plan. Mr. Seymour noted the size of the tenant’s spaces is 650 square feet, noting these will be individually leased to separate entities. MJ Dolan added that their current tenant is moving with IACCT to the new location. Mr. Seymour discussed the attached schedule, noting they would expect to be in the building by April, 2009.

This building will be submitted for LEED Certification, at the base level of the LEED rating system which means it has sustainable features and it is energy efficient. This has been submitted, it is registered and we are pursuing documentation, we have incorporated a number of elements that will help save energy such as the automatic sensing of light fixtures and the geo-thermal system.

Cathy Brown asked about signage for the building, it was noted they are looking at a small monument signs in the front, it has not been defined what it would be yet; however, it will be low to the ground and visible from the street.

Landscaping discussed, noting the plan is to work with instructors and students from the different IACCT colleges. MJ Dolan stated that Matt Carlile with Brian Clark & Associates will also be involved in the landscaping plan.

MOTION: Elizabeth Isaacson made the motion to approve the design concept for the exterior of the building and materials as proposed for the IACCT Office Building. Scott Brown seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Molly Clause – yes
Paul Carlson – yes
Cathy Brown – yes
Scott Brown – yes
Brice Oakley – Abstain
Carl Voss – Yes
Elizabeth Isaacson – yes

Scott Weiser with Iowa Motor Truck Association commented they remain extremely disappointed with the site plan, noting it looks nothing like the agreement with IACCT. He indicated at the last meeting he had not seen it before they presented it and a whole variety of issues he had thought they had an agreement on and he thinks that this conduct is not professional.

Capitol Complex Monuments

Worker's Monument Update

Jerry Addy noted he had received a call from Director Anderson with regard to a concern by Majority Leader Gronstal and Speaker Murphy as a result of plaques and he met with both of them. Mr. Addy also received a call from Director Anderson stating a review of the minutes indicated they had talked about donor plaques as they went along in their presentation. They had not developed any plaques at that point in time. In talking with Speaker Murphy he indicated his objection was naming of monuments, which they are not doing on the Workers' Monument. Mr. Addy talked twice with Senator Gronstal who has some strong emotions but said he would grandfather the donor plaques and the levels (Platinum, Diamond and Premier), since they had been working on this for about five years.

Mr. Addy discussed the handout information (copy attached to the minutes), noting they cut the signs down due to the number of individuals on it and also instead of having separate plaques they have combined some. There are three additional plaques not in the presentation materials noting one is the contractor/architect, the artist and the committee and Bruce Williams with Cultural Affairs suggested that they should have a poem.

Matt Carlile stated he went back to the plaque manufacturer and asked what the smallest possible text could be and still be manufactured. The other request was that they had individual plaques for each one, but they combined some plaques and reduced the text down. Mr. Carlile reminded the Commission members of the location of the monument and the stone benches noting the plaques are on the back of the benches. He noted that if you are driving by the monument, you don't see the plaques at all; you have to walk through the area to experience the plaques. He said they wanted the monument to read as the real sculpture piece so anyone passing by sees only

that, you experience the plaques if you actually get into the space. Mr. Carlile added there is also going to be six picnic tables throughout the site to really make it a more pedestrian space. The same type of materials as the Capitol West Terrace will be used, to blend it in and make it a more park like feel in the space.

Mr. Carlile stated there are ten stone benches with a plaque on the back of each one of them. The plaques are 12" tall and 26" long; he said they worked to minimize the size as much as possible.

Chairman Oakley stated he went back through all of the minutes noting at the very beginning there is a discussion of recognition of contributors. The subject matter has been before the Commission in the past; however, the specific design and size has not been before the Commission.

Dean Ibsen stated he believes the discussion started in 2004 where there was some discussion about donor recognition. In 2006 there was a code change restricting naming, noting we really didn't talk about plaques between 2004 and a couple months ago. Mr. Addy stated his group was not aware of the code change, they just kept moving along. Chairman Oakley noted contributor recognition is consistent and as far as we know it is not in violation of any state law at this point. Chairman Oakley stated Senator Gronstal spoke to him and indicated this particular installation; and that they are fine with this kind of a proposal. Matt Carlile stated he has done everything he can in trying to answer the Legislator's questions, including making adjustments and changing what they had asked for.

Chairman Oakley stated his personal belief is that Platinum, Diamond and Premier mean nothing to anyone except somebody apparently paid more money. He noted that he did not see the value of that. Chairman Oakley stated he would see greater value, if they put names on them based upon the size of the contribution.

Carl Voss asked what the amount was in order for someone to be considered a contributor? Mr. Addy stated a donor was everybody below \$1,000 and he noted they wanted to recognize the small donors as well as the large donors. Mr. Voss stated he is really struggling with this, noting just because there are ten benches, there does not have to be ten plaques adding that if he contributed \$100.00 he would not expect to have his name on it. Mr. Voss stated when this is publicized, there are people on the list that have had their names in the news, and you are going to stir up some negative publicity. Mr. Voss asked if the plaques had to go on now.

Matt Carlile stated they have the money set aside to do this and if the names are not going on the plaques, the Committee would probably have to go back to the contributor and ask them if the money is still available if the contributors name does not go on a plaque.

Mr. Addy stated that for the Donor Plaques; the different levels were set at \$1,000, \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 – that was early on in 2004 and adopted by the Workers Monument Committee as a way to get larger contributions. The donor classification came about when the Committee decided if the money was available to put those on because the plaques told a story of who the small contributors were, it showed the broad depth of the small contributions.

Director Anderson stated Mr. Addy has made a monumental effort in fund raising; noting that the CPC had not been as clear in their guidance as they could have been and the response Chairman Oakley received from Senator Gronstal is that this would be “grandfathered”. With the whole issue of platinum, diamond and premier, Director Anderson stated she didn’t think the State of Iowa should be recognized as a platinum sponsor. Mr. Addy stated the Community College donation is based on being a diamond donor, noting this was the only way they would give the \$50,000 was with that sponsorship adding this was the donation that allowed for the landscaping.

Representative Watts stated he didn’t recall a discussion coming up on the plaque issue, asking once again how much does a person contribute to get their name on the plaque? Does this mean a donation of \$25.00 will get someone’s name on the plaque? Representative Watts stated he thought you could pay tribute to the workers of Iowa in a way that wouldn’t necessarily have to be reflected in something like this; it could be done with a very tasteful plaque on the back of a central bench without identifying individual contributors.

Chairman Oakley asked how much money was raised by contributions of under \$1000.00 and what is the total amount raised? Mr. Addy advised, excluding the \$200,000, we raised \$320,000 and there were a lot of donations of \$500 or less. Chairman Oakley stated a proposal might be to take off the platinum, diamond and premier but took those variations and reduced the size of the plaque and maybe in alphabetical order or some rational way, use the size of the name of the contributor reflective of the amount of their donation, take everyone under \$1000 off the list on the basis that it is difficult to say that if you gave \$20.00 that your name would end up on a plaque. This would be one way to resolve this, so there would be more space, it would be reflective of the size of the contribution based upon the size of the name alone.

Molly Clause stated at the last meeting that they had talked about recognizing contributors in a building. Representative Davitt stated he liked to think of these policies in terms of 100 years from now, what will people be thinking about, how will they get historical perspective on that and most likely not from any displayed plaque. Representative Davitt asked where the viewer will find historical data or background material on the monument. Mr. Addy stated information will be filed with DAS that will be put in archives.

Mr. Addy stated when the Committee set this up, they set up donor levels and people would be recognized by donor levels. If this changes Mr. Addy stated he feels it is his responsibility to go back to each donor and ask them if they want their money back. We went to Bruce Williams with Cultural Affairs, his suggestion was to tell the story in some way to add the names of the small donors, and then that is the direction Mr. Addy gave Matt Carlile in designing the plaques. Mr. Addy stated the reason for acknowledging the under \$1000 donors is to tell the story.

Carl Voss asked what the cost of the plaques are and Mr. Carlile stated they are in the range of \$1200 each. Mr. Voss stated that for a \$25.00 contribution, you could be going in the hole, it would cost more to put that person’s name on the plaque than what the contribution was. Many of the committee members have also made contributions so some of the people are being listed twice. Mr. Voss stated he would recommend the Commission table this and bring it back at the January meeting and look closer at the donors to be recognized and also discuss how they could be recognized within a building. Mr. Voss stated they should look at a wall within the IWD

building recognizing the contributors to the monument that is outside. Mr. Voss also asked Commission members to look at the Asian Garden by the river to give them another look at this.

Director Anderson stated that a delay of action will create problems with trying to include this in the Workers' Memorial Day function in April which recognizes workers who have died as a result of a workplace injury. The difficulty is that Mr. Addy is still not sure the contributors are willing to contribute unless they get what they were promised during fundraising. He is worried that this could turn into a situation where people won't commit the money to begin the construction and they have another Workers' Memorial event nixed.

Chairman Oakley stated his suggestion in order to work through this is to get a sense from the Commission members about four things: 1) is there a sense that you want names at all on this monument? 2) Should there be some identification of the level of contribution? 3) Is there a sense that we want them on the monument or someplace else? 4) Is there a sense that if there is one name, then there should be all of the names or that it should be divided, i.e., those below \$1000 contribution should not be on it? If the Commission members find we don't have much of a sense where we can make a final vote, then Carl's suggestion of putting the vote off until January meeting comes into play. When talking about these issues, we are talking about this monument only, apart from what the Committee is putting together for a permanent basis. This should not be taken as setting precedent.

Representative Davitt stated just from a historical matter, he wanted to make sure that people have some direction on finding historical matter on the Complex. It was noted the Tour Guides have this information and there is also a map of all monuments on the web site. Representative Davitt stated this is not an easy thing the Commission is going through in deciding how to deal with names from a historical perspective. Representative Davitt suggested knowing exactly how we have dealt with name listings over the course of time and what the other monuments on Complex done will help them set a policy to some degree.

Carl Voss stated he was not sure how listing a donor "tells a story" of the Iowa worker. Chairman Oakley stated he would agree with that observation. Matt Carlile stated it is basically trying to show the cross-section of Iowa workers. Chairman Oakley stated, on that base, everybody's name would be the same size.

Representative Watts commented there was no thematic plaque; there should be some kind of a description of what this is all about. Matt Carlile stated the "poem plaque" will do that, noting the poem is not done. Representative Watts stated he believed the design of this monument is far superior, more tasteful than the Commission saw earlier.

Jerry Addy stated now all the names will be the same size and to answer Mr. Voss' question on cost, probably only four of those individuals were in the \$25 or \$100 range, most were \$500 or more.

Chairman Oakley stated he would move that the level of contribution should be reflected by the size of the name, not by a categorization such as proposed here. Mr. Carlson stated we need to ask Mr. Addy what he held out to the contributors. Chairman Oakley noted that at least one of the contributors wanted to be noted as a diamond contributor associated with their name. Mr.

Addy advised of the 80% of the money collected they talked in terms of those levels. Scott Brown stated he would increase the size of the donor name on the platinum, diamond and premier levels, especially if you take the State of Iowa off. Cathy Brown stated she agreed with Scott Brown, to have platinum, diamond, premier or something like that.

Where is this display going to be displayed? Matt Carlile stated the reason they put the plaques in the stones themselves was because they were not in the way and they blend into the whole design. If we move it somewhere else, there is going to be a sign somewhere that says go to the lobby of the IWD building to find the donors, etc. Mr. Carlile stated as it is now, it blends in quite well with what it is, noting that you would have to add additional signs to show where these things are. Cathy Brown stated this should be a reasonably integrated solution with the site plan, to have them on the back of the benches. Representative Davitt stated a lot of monuments around the country have a little kiosk telling a little bit of history about the monument, why it exists, etc. Molly Clause stated she will go for the back of the monuments. Chairman Oakley stated right now it is four to three to putting them on the back of the benches. Scott Brown stated he thought it should be at the site as opposed to inside a building and has no problem at all for them being on the benches. Scott Brown stated that they are also talking about two other plaques, one for the builders and the poem which is the history of the monument. He wondered if the poem is going to convey a large amount of information, is there any discussion of that plaque being bigger since that tells the story.

Chairman Oakley stated that they are at a point of deciding whether they want to adopt a policy now and make a decision and recommendation concerning the plaques or whether the Commission wants to defer that decision to January. If we want to resolve the issue today, a motion would address the issue of location, inclusion (what you want on the plaque) or if you are of a mind, put this off until January understanding the implications.

Jerry Addy stated if the Commission did not make a decision today he would have to notify the artist and give him 30 days and then there would be another \$70,000 due. He said he would not have to negotiate the base which we are trying to get in before the frost to make the April 28, 2008 deadline. Mr. Addy stated he would also need to notify all of the contributors as to what they would want to do with their money. He said then they would have to find a way to pay back the \$90,000 that has already been spent in good faith.

MOTION - Molly Clause moved to approve the project as presented. Cathy Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Anderson stated she had a phone call with the Community College Association, they advised they would be willing to have discussion regarding the plaque since they don't want to hold up the monument. Paul Carlson stated another option might be to make the platinum contributor plaque the same size as others, so there aren't some plaques with real large print and others that have small print. Jerry Addy stated he was agreeable to reducing the size. Matt Carlile stated the labels would be 5/8" and the names 3/8" roughly. Director Anderson suggested that if an agreement could be reached and the donors would simply take off the diamond, platinum and premier labels and have additional discussion whether the Commission would have any objection for us to try to resolve in that manner.

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Discussion – Chairman Oakley advised his rationale for this is that this raises the folks into the \$10,000 to \$15,000 category – I don’t subscribe to the notion that it makes sense or is necessary to have the names of donors under \$1000. If people want to combine and get over \$1000, they can do that.

Amendment – Carl Voss asked the Commission to entertain an amendment to also delete the committee member’s plaque. Chairman Oakley stated that would be a separate Motion.

Roll call vote on Donor Contributors (those contributing less than \$1,000), not to have a plaque. Motion Carried (5 to 2 in favor).

Scott Brown – No
Molly Clause – No
Paul Carlson – Yes
Cathy Brown – Yes
Brice Oakley – Yes
Elizabeth Isaacson – Yes
Carl Voss – Yes

MOTION – Carl Voss moved to recognize the Committee Members elsewhere (on the building, in the building, just not as a plaque on the monument) – to eliminate Committee Members from the monument. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion.

Discussion – Cathy Brown stated her personal preference would be if we are going to recognize Committee Members, to do so in the same as part of the overall site rather than to have it separately somewhere not affiliated.

Roll call vote: Motion failed (2 to 5 against).

Scott Brown – No

Molly Clause – No
Paul Carlson – No
Cathy – No
Brice Oakley – No
Elizabeth Isaacson – Yes
Carl Voss – Yes

MOTION – Scott Brown moved that we now have a separate plaque for each of the three contributors instead of having them all on one plaque. Brice Oakley seconded the motion.

Discussion – Matt Carlile stated that was originally how it was done; however, in visiting with Senator Gronstal's office, they wanted to reduce the amount of plaques, reduce the size of the text so that is how we got to where we are now. Cathy Brown stated her preference would be to combine all four together if the donors were agreeable. It was noted there was a major difference in the amount given and they should be recognized for that and for promises made to them at the time they gave their contribution. Chairman Oakley stated he thinks there should be a plaque that says a Platinum contributor over \$50,000, Diamond contributor - \$25,000 - \$50,000, Premier Contributor \$15,000 - \$25,000 – if this is going to have any meaning you might as well put the amount of money on it. Carl Voss stated that is why he thinks we may be overlooking other opportunities, whether it is in a sign that approaches this or on the building or in the building, this is the only option that we were presented with and we didn't talk about other alternatives. Mr. Voss stated we are rushing to get this and these are going to be bronze plaques, these are almost 3-1/2 ft. wide – that's pretty big and I am just not comfortable with this and we don't have to rush through this.

MOTION – Scott Brown made a motion that if we decide to go forward with plaques on the back, we now have space to recognize each level of contributor on separate plaques and that we should do so. If we later decide that we want to put the dollar amounts as well, I am okay with that, but that is not part of the motion. Chairman Oakley seconded the motion.

Roll call vote. Motion failed.

Scott Brown – Yes
Molly Clause – No
Paul Carlson – No
Cathy Brown – No
Brice Oakley – Yes
Elizabeth Isaacson – No
Carl Voss – No

Amendment – Carl Voss made a motion to amend the motion changing this so they are not on the back of benches, they are at some other location. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion.

Discussion – Carl stated he thought there would be someplace that either approaches this area or on the building or in the building. He said give him any of those options and he is keen with putting the dollar amount. Mr. Addy stated the Grounds Staff does not want anything on the ground since this would be a maintenance issue and there was a brief discussion with regard to the building. They were against having anything inside the building since that limits viewing since the building is only open 8:00am – 4:30 and closed on weekends.

Roll call vote on Amendment. Motion failed (1 to 6 against)

Scott Brown – No
Molly Clause – No
Paul Carlson – No
Cathy Brown – No
Brice Oakley – No
Elizabeth Isaacson – No
Carl Voss – Yes

Voting on the original motion as amended – (move approval as presented with the following amendments: the titles would be a 5/8” and the actual names would be 3/8” and the donor contributor box would be eliminated for \$1,000 or less.

Amendment – Chairman Oakley moved to list contributor by dollar ranges. Scott Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion – Director Anderson stated the objection all along is that someone can buy a piece of the Capitol or buy a piece of a monument and put a dollar amount on it.

Roll call vote on amendment. Amendment failed (1 to 6 against).

Scott Brown – Yes
Molly Clause – No
Paul Carlson – No
Cathy Brown – No
Brice Oakley – No
Elizabeth Isaacson – No
Carl Voss – No

Roll call vote on the final motion with amendments. Motion carried (6 to 1 in favor).

Scott Brown – Yes
Molly Clause – Yes
Paul Carlson – Yes
Cathy Brown – Yes
Brice Oakley – Yes
Elizabeth Isaacson – Yes
Carl Voss – No

Shattering Silence Monument

Chairman Oakley noted the Commission members were up to speed on the general site. James Ellwanger advised the Commission they are looking at three different ways of locating the sculpture on the site, noting they need another 30 days to finish it. Mr. Ellwanger asked that this item be on the January 2008 agenda for an action item. Cathy Brown stated it would be helpful for the Commission members to have materials, especially the sites, well ahead of the January meeting. Mr. Ellwanger noted sometime in December he will get a packet to the Commission members for their review. Defer to January to take action on proposed site plan.

Property Exchange Options/Update on Acquisition

Director Anderson referred Commission members to the recent press release regarding the purchase of Mercy Capitol (copy attached to minutes). Director Anderson stated that they had arrived at an agreement with the Executive Council unanimously to purchase the Mercy Capitol property noting the price the State paid was a very reasonable one for the 4.7 acres for \$4.45 million. She said they are very delighted for it provides a good opportunity for the Capitol Planning Commission to address future needs and DAS will be working closely with the Department of Management to determine the tenants for the building and its use, it will play a very important role in our North Office Campus. Director Anderson noted the Commission's support of this project has been very helpful.

Director Anderson asked the Commission to give DAS some clear guidance about exchange of parcels. She said they had acquired new land and they still have the resolution of the three buildings at the base of the West Capitol Terrace. She stated that they now own two buildings and have one outstanding. In the negotiations to resolve that there may still be another chance to trade another parcel of land noting the only parcel of land we believe would be something we could exchange, if we could reach an agreement and the prices were within what we thought are reasonable, level to the value of the Schooner property, is the property still at the base of the sledding hill by the Iowa Community College Association. If we were to look at this, they are looking at a consideration of a one acre parcel of land.

Chairman Oakley stated they are talking about the last of the three buildings that are at the end of the West Capitol Terrace. The State has now acquired the row house and the community college building, the 3rd piece is the low building, the Link Building owned by Schooner Group. That has been in some state of continuous negotiation with regard to acquisition. There has been some discussion at the Executive Council level of the necessity of exercising eminent domain to acquire that property because the negotiations for the purchase of it have been unproductive and have been extended and therefore, the Executive Council wants to move ahead with that. Doing that would necessitate obtaining somewhere from \$350,000 to \$500,000 (ballpark numbers), some number in that category, in order to acquire that property which would probably have to be appropriated or found elsewhere. The suggestion has now been made that perhaps the State would be interested in an exchange. Director Anderson stated this had been offered at the beginning of our negotiations as well as a financial amount. We offered the parcel of land that was offered to the Community College, we also offered it to the Schooner Group. At that time, they said they were not interested, perhaps they would now be interested in a trade and Director Anderson is asking for guidance from the Commission about whether that is something they would want to consider.

Chairman Oakley recapped to the Commission that DAS is asking for the Commission's view of a possible trade. Chairman Oakley expressed his view that the time for entertaining an exchange of property has come and gone. The State can acquire this property by eminent domain or it can acquire it through negotiations under fair value of the property. Chairman Oakley stated the Community College transaction was different, they took the opportunity to do so and this property owner chose not to do that and I don't see a piece of property on the Capitol Complex that would be appropriate to renew and get in to those discussions given the history of the discussions that have transpired here to for, I am just not inclined to go there.

Director Anderson stated the only parcel of land large enough is a parcel next to the Community College building. The lot is very deep, possibly they would not have a one acre frontage, there is discussion of the trading of the Iowa Motor Truck Association property, as you recall, they want the triangle that we moved the IACCT building 45' for, that would provide more depth to the piece of property. Cathy Brown stated, after much discussion and description of the proposed area, that she would encourage a set-back from the street and would possibly consider a swap of land. Scott Brown stated as a general principal, he would oppose a swap of land to this space. Representative Watts stated he didn't think that would be a good exchange. Carl Voss stated he was not keen on a trade. Elizabeth Isaacson stated the most important thing is to get the building, so she could go either way. Brice Oakley indicated it would be a hard sell with him, noting that they would put a "spec" building on the space if this were to happen, this isn't a known entity. Cathy Brown clarified her preference would be financial or eminent domain as the first alternative rather than the land trade.

Eco-Box Self-Guided Audio Tour System Presentation

Cyndi Pederson, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs discussed the handout (included as part of the minutes). Director Pederson stated she attended a conference where she was interested in something else and this particular item caught her eye as something that might enhance the visitor's experience at the Capitol Complex.

Director Pederson stated this might be something to consider putting in strategically around the Capitol Complex to educate the visitor about the great monuments we have on the Complex. She said that the box can be customized to the story you want to tell, there is a crank on the front of the box so there is no battery or power needed for the box, the visitor creates the power by turning the crank.

Chairman Oakley discussed a member of Cultural Affairs staff is serving on the Monument Committee, we have a standing committee working to develop criteria for memorials and monuments, this would seem well within their charge. Scott Brown stated he liked the idea, Molly Clause stated she agreed. Sharon Worthington noted it is not ADA friendly, Dean Ibsen will take the sample box to the next ADA Advisory Committee.

Bicycle Policy

Carl Voss stated he had sent out a revised copy of the Bicycle Policy (Copy attached to minutes), to Commissioners noting this is scheduled for the January agenda as an action item. Mr. Voss advised there is a group called Bikes Belong that Tim Lane with SEHARC is applying for some funding from for a pilot program for bike lockers, that application is going in November 26th.

Other Business

Soldier's and Sailor's Monument

Molly Clause stated she would like to learn more about the Soldier's and Sailor's Monument, there have been improvements but would like to have an update since this keeps coming up in the newspaper.

Possible Dog Park

Carl Voss would like to entertain a discussion with Des Moines Parks and Recreation to have a dog park basically in the area of the Judicial Building or south.

Office Building Updates

Scott Brown stated he would like an update on the new office building at every meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting were reviewed.

This will be a combined meeting with the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

January 10, 2007 – 9:00am – 2:00 @ the DPS Building – Room #125

Chairman Oakley identified the following items for discussion at upcoming meetings

- Bicycle Report
- Monument and Memorial Task Force Report
- Fountain Report
- 5-Year Plan (there is a request for a sub-committee)
- Annual Report Outline
- IACCT Building Project

Comments from Legislators, Commission Members, Public

None.

There were no comments.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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